

pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following motion and amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7393–S7402, S7499–S7504**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 285), Wyden motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S7402**

Pending:

McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1618, of a perfecting nature. **Page S7402**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 284), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S7393–94**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 30, 2017, with one hour of debate remaining on McConnell (for Hatch/Murkowski) Amendment No. 1618 (listed above). **Page S7499**

Appointments:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a correction to appointments made on November 28, 2017 be printed in the *Record*. For the information of the Senate, this correction is clerical and does not change membership of the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission made by the appointments. **Page S7490**

Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 115–77, appointed the following individuals to the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission: Kay Cole James of Virginia, and Star Parker of California. **Page S7490**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Marvin Goodfriend, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.

Joseph E. Macmanus, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S7393–94, S7402**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:52 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7499.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Toomey, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

19 General Services Administration resolutions; and

The nominations of Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Young, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Cassidy, David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to

be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, who was introduced by Representative Mike Kelly, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Caring for Our Veterans Act of 2017".

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4476–4487; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 634 were introduced. **Pages H9515–16**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9516–17**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 635, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4182) to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1699) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to modify the definitions of a mortgage originator and a high-cost mortgage, to amend the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 to modify the definition of a loan originator, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–430). **Page H9515**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rice (SC) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9471**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9474**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Ron Dunn, New Hope Ministries, Akron, Michigan. **Page H9474**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bacon wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H9478**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 634, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H9478**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress: H. Res. 630, requiring each Member, officer, and employee of the House of Representatives to complete a program of training in workplace rights and responsibilities each session of each Congress. **Pages H9491–98**

Minnesota's Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act: The House considered H.R. 3905, to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, November 30th. **Pages H9498–H9512**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–41 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H9498**

Proceedings Postponed:

Grijalva amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–429) that seeks to increase the royalty rate by 16.66 percent for mineral leases in the Superior National Forest. **Pages H9510–12**

H. Res. 631, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3017) and (H.R. 3905) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 641, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 640. **Pages H9490–91**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened at 5:14 p.m. **Page H9514**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9512.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings